

Page 1, line 20, above the paragraph beginning with the text "The rapidly increasing", insert the text --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 3, line 10, above the paragraph beginning with the text "Accordingly", insert the text --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 3, line 11, delete the text "Accordingly, one", insert therefore --One--;

Page 26, line 14, delete the text "In the Figures", insert therefor --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--; and

Page 26, line 15, delete the text "Figure 1 is a diagrammatic representation", insert therefore --Figure 1A and Figure 1B are diagrammatic representations--;

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 30 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

20. (Amended) An isolated [novel] haemopoietin receptor comprising [the amino acid motif]:

- (i) an amino acid sequence having at least about 90% similarity to the amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NO:13, 15, 17, 19, 25 and 29;
- (ii) an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence having at least about 85% identity to the nucleotide sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NO:12, 14, 16, 18, 24 and 28; or
- (iii) an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence which hybridizes under high stringency conditions to the nucleotide sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NO:12, 14, 16, 18, 24 and 28;

wherein said receptor further comprises the amino acid motif:

Trp Ser Xaa Trp Ser [ ] (SEQ ID NO:1) [ ]

wherein Xaa is any amino acid.

21. (Amended) [An] The isolated haemopoietin receptor according to claim 20 wherein Xaa is Asp or Glu.